Student Digital Leadership

South Vermillion Community Schools are Making it Happen!





WE ARE

South Vermillion Community Schools is rural school system of 1,730 students with 970 in middle school and high school. SVCS is located in Clinton, population about 11,000.

OUR STUDENTS

1730 students

95.4% Caucasian, 2.2% Multiracial, 1.9% Hispanic. 45.6% Free, 7.2% Reduced, and 47.2% Paid.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

The student digital leadership program at South Vermillion High School and Middle School, also known as the iCat program was initiated four years ago. The program aims to provide both students and teachers with quality technology support while affording an elite group of students a unique digital leadership experience.

OUR STEPS

South Vermillion High School students apply to become part of the iCat Help Desk Team. Students are assigned a class hour to work the help desk in the media center. All students must complete a customer service module that guides them through resume building and interview skills. To earn their official help desk title, students submit a resume and complete an online interview with their supervisor. Beyond working at the physical help desk, the students are enrolled in a career explorations course for which they earn elective credit. Each semester, the students choose a curriculum topic such as digital leadership, digital citizenship, website development, coding, online community outreach, technology repair, instructional technology or independent project development. South Vermillion Middle School students are selected by the media specialist based upon teacher recommendations. These students assist during study hall two to three times a week.

IN OUR OWN WORDS

"The iCat program provided me with the skills necessary to obtain a great job! " - SV Graduate

"I don't know where I would be without the iCat program. It gave me a sense of direction and purpose. I found my own personal strengths in this program." – Current iCat, Sophomore

"The iCat program has offered an opportunity for students who love to help others."

- High School Guidance Counselor